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Remarks:

*Regarding the amendments to the claims:*

The amended claims presented in this paper are intended to be directed to the patentable subject matter identified by the USPTO Examiner in the prior *Office Action*. The presently amended claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicants expressly reserve their right to reintroduce the subject matter of the canceled claims, as well as further claims which may be based on the specification as filed in a later filed application(s).

*Regarding the rejection of claims under 35 USC 102(e) in view of US 2004/192569:*

The presently amended claims are believe to render the rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly reconsideration of the propriety of this rejection and its withdrawal is requested.

*Regarding the rejection of claims under 35 USC 102(b) in view of US 6037319 to Dickler:*

The presently amended claims are believe to render the rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly reconsideration of the propriety of this rejection and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

*Regarding the rejection of claims under 35 USC 102(e) in view of US 5674831 to Schulz:*

The presently amended claims are believe to render the rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly reconsideration of the propriety of this rejection and its withdrawal is solicited.

*Regarding the rejection of claims under 35 USC 103(a) in view of US 6037319 to Dickler:*

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The presently amended claims are believed to render the rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly reconsideration of the propriety of this rejection and its withdrawal is requested.

Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that communication would meaningfully advance the prosecution of the present application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at their convenience.

Conditional Authorization for Fees

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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